

Advanced Placement Examination Fee House File 2761

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to state aid to reimburse a portion of the advanced placement examination fee for students enrolled in public school districts and accredited nonpublic schools.

**Fiscal Services Division
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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEES REIMBURSED

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT CLAIMS

TIMELINE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Requires public school districts to reimburse public and nonpublic school students, or their parent/guardian, for half of the fee for an Advanced Placement (AP) examination if the student achieves a score of three or higher on the AP five-point scale.
- Requires nonpublic school students, or their parent/guardian, to file claims for reimbursement, including documentation of a qualifying score, with the public school district by August 15.
- Requires public school districts to submit claims for reimbursement for fees paid to the Department of Education by September 1 of the school year following the school year in which the exams were taken.
- Requires the Department of Education to reimburse public school districts by October 1 from funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose and to prorate reimbursements if the appropriation is insufficient to pay all claims in full. The Bill does not provide an appropriation for this purpose.
- The number of AP exams taken annually has grown rapidly and is expected to continue to increase. In FY 2005, 9,000 AP exams were taken by public and nonpublic school students in Iowa. An insignificant portion (2.3%) of the exam fees were paid through funding set aside for low-income students. Two-thirds of the exams resulted in a score of three or higher. The current fee for an AP exam is \$82.

FISCAL IMPACT

Assuming the number of AP exams taken grows at the rate of 10.0% per year and two-thirds result in a qualifying score, the fiscal impact of HF 2618 to local school districts will be \$298,000 in FY 2007 and \$327,000 in FY 2008. These amounts will be offset by any General Fund appropriation provided for reimbursements.